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SUBJECT: 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONQUEST OF MOUNT EVEREST

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TWO DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM MINFOREIGN AFFAIRS CONCERNING PLANS OF GON TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONQUEST OF MOUNT EVEREST THIS SPRING. NOTES REQUEST EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN TWO ASPECTS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THIS EVENT. (A) MINISTRY OF TOURISM WISHES TO INVITE ALL CLIMBERS WHO HAVE REACHED EVEREST SUMMIT TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENT. MINISTRY WILL BEAR LODGING AND FOOD EXPENSES FOR PERIOD INVOLVED (MAY 28 TO 30) AND WILL OFFER PROGRAM INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, SYMPOSIUM, NON-STOP MOUNTAIN FLIGHT TO EVEREST REGION, CULTURAL SHOW AND SIGHT SEEING. THEY HAVE ASKED THAT SEVEN AMERICANS WHO HAVE CLIMBED EVEREST BE NOTIFIED OF THIS INVITATION AND THAT THEIR RESPONSES THERETO BE SOLICITED. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO MENTION OF ANY GON INTENT TO BEAR ANY OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES. SEVEN AMERICANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1963 SPRING EXPEDITION - MR. JIM WHITTAKER  
MR. BARRY BISHOP  
MR. LUTE JERSTAD  
MR. WILLY UNSOELD  
DR. THOMAS F. HORONBIEN

1976 BICENTENNIAL EXPEDITION - MR. CHRIS CHANDLER  
MR. BOB CORMAC

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(B) MINISTRY OF TOURISM HAS ALSO ASKED THAT CONCERNED MOUNTAINEERING ASSOCIATION/CLUB BE CONTACTED AND REQUESTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE "DOCUMENTS, BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND LARGE SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS AND BIO DATA OF THE SUMMITTERS DURING THEIR EXPEDITION TO MOUNT EVEREST."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE AND AFTER LOCAL CONTACTS LOGICAL PLACE TO BEGIN IN RESPONDING TO ABOVE IS AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB (AAC) AND SPECIFICALLY ITS PRESIDENT, JAMES HENRIOT. CLEARLY SECOND REQUEST IS DIRECTED TO AAC, AND IN FACT LETTER SENT THIS WEEK FROM DPAO TO HENRIOT ON THIS SUBJECT. IT STRIKES AS AAC MIGHT EQUALLY BE BEST VEHICLE FOR CONTACTING SEVEN CLIMBERS AS WELL. SINCE PERCIVAL NEA/INS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AAC PREVIOUSLY THIS APPEARS TO BE LOGICAL CHANNEL. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS AND/OR ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS.  
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